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WH FOR JON HOWE AND SUSAN HERTER

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TAGS: OVIP (ROCKEFELLER, NELSON), SN

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

1. SYDNEY WEATHER. TEMPERATE EARLY AUTUMN WEATHER, WITH SUNSHINE AND FAIRLY HUMID WEATHER; NORMAL FOR PERIOD OF VISIT. 70 DEGREES F. IN DAY, 60'S AT NIGHT.

2. DRESS: LIGHTWEIGHT CLOTHING SUITABLE FOR CAROLINAS IN LATE SEPTEMBER IS APPROPRIATE. BUSINESS SUITS AND AFTERNOON DRESSES ARE IN ORDER FOR CALL ON PREMIER AND LUNCHEON WITH GOVERNOR. DRESS FOR THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL BANQUET IS BLACK TIE (AND JACKET); LONG EVENING DRESS. FOR OTHER OCCASIONS, BUSINESS SUIT AND CORRESPONDING LADY'S ATTIRE.

3. GIFTS: ADVANCE TEAM AND NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT STATED THAT GIFTS WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE EXCHANGED.

4. ACCOMMODATIONS: WENTWORTH HOTEL SUITES AND ROOMS HAVE BEEN INSPECTED. ASSIGNMENTS ARE:

A. VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER WILL OCCUPY THE PREMIER SUITE (840), ON EIGHTH FLOOR. MISS MURPHY WILL BE ADJACENT TO THEIR SUITE.

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B. CAPTAIN HOWE - ROOM 847

MR. MORROW - ROOM 812

MR. CANZERI - ROOM 810

DR. RILAND - ROOM 809

C. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY, COMMAND POST AND MILITARY AIDE OFFICE WILL ALSO BE LOCATED ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR. ALL MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY AND USSS PERSONNEL WILL OCCUPY BALANCE OF EIGHTH FLOOR, EXCEPT FOR ONE ROOM HELD FOR NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE, WHO WILL BE HOST SECURITY ORGANIZATION IN SYDNEY.

5. EVENTS:

A. THE CALL BY THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER, WITH AMBASSADOR AND MRS. JAMES HARGROVE, ON SIR ERIC AND LADY WILLIS WILL BE BRIEF, INFORMAL AND SOCIAL IN NATURE. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, HOSTED BY H.E. GOVERNOR SIR RODEN CUTLER AND LADY CUTLER. ON THIS OCCASION THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEWHAT MORE SUBSTANTIVE TALK, ALTHOUGH NO CRITICAL ISSUES ARE EXPECTED TO ARISE. AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN THE FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IS HIGH AND IT IS REASONABLE TO EXPECT QUERIES ON THIS SUBJECT.

B. THE BANQUET IN HONOR OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER IS THE KEYSTONE OF A MONTH LONG AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL, DURING WHICH SYDNEY AND ITS ENVIRONS WILL BE THE SCENE OF SCORES OF EXHIBITIONS, PERFORMANCES, A PARADE, SPECIAL EVENTS, A SAILING REGATTA, SEMINARS AND A SHOWING OF A MOONROCK. THE ENTIRE CITY OF SYDNEY WILL BE DECORATED WITH BANNERS. THIS IS ALL AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, AND THOSE WHO WORKED HARD TO BRING IT ABOUT WILL BE PRESENT AT THE BANQUET, HONORING THE BICENTENNIAL. THROUGH ITS EFFORTS, AND WITH THE HELP OF THE AMERICAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND THE COMMONWEALTH, STATE AND SYDNEY GOVERNMENTS, A VERY AMBITIOUS TRIBUTE TO THE USA WILL COME TO PASS. IT WILL BE A TIME FOR GOOD FELLOWSHIP WITH AUSTRALIANS, WHO SEE MUCH IN COMMON WITH THEIR TRANSPACIFIC NEIGHBOR. AN OPPORTUNITY WILL BE AFFORDED THE PRINCIPAL ORGANIZERS AND THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE FESTIVAL, AT A BRIEF PRE-DINNER RECEPTION HELD ADJACENT TO THE BANQUET HALL.

6. FOLLOWING ARE SIGHTSEEING POSSIBILITIES FOR VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER AND MISS MURPHY. (ALL POINTS TEN MINUTES FROM HOTEL.)

A. HARBOR TOUR - WEATHER PERMITTING, THE SYDNEY HARBOR, WITH ITS MANY BAYS AND COVES, IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PORTS. THE TOUR, ABOARD AN APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT VESSEL, USUALLY TAKES ABOUT 90 MINUTES. NORMALLY TEA IS SERVED ABOARD.

B. OPERA HOUSE - THE WORLD-FAMOUS SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE IS AN ARCHITECTURAL MASTERPIECE THAT FEW VISITORS FAIL TO SEE. A SPECIALLY GUIDED TOUR OF THE OPERA HALL, THE CONCERT HALL, DRAMA THEATRE AND OTHER FACILITIES COULD PROVE A HIGH POINT. TIME: 45 MINUTES.

C. SHOPPING: THE ARGYLE CENTRE, NOTED FOR ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOPS, WITH JEWELRY, ABORIGINE AND NEW GUINEA ARTIFACTS ON DISPLAY, WOULD PROVIDE AN INTERESTING OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AND PERHAPS BUY SOME AUSTRALIANA. U.S. CONSULAR WIVES CAN ASSIST.

D. HOST GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THAT IT BE ADVISED WELL IN ADVANCE WHICH, IF ANY, IS PREFERRED.

7. BRIEF OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS BY JACK KIGHTLINGER WILL BE ALLOWED AT ALL FUNCTIONS.

8. DETAILED SCENARIO ON SYDNEY FOLLOWS BY SEPTEL.
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